

REMARKS

Review of the application prior to issue noted an error and an inconsistency in the description of the Test Procedure 3, as described on page 10 of the specification. The description, page 10, line 14, states the amount of marmite as 5 g. The description, page 10, lines 17-21 shows mixing for 30 minutes followed by samples taken after an additional (further) 30 minutes (i.e., at 60 minutes) and 90 minutes (i.e., at 120 minutes), or a total of 120 minutes. This description is also consistent with Figure 5, which illustrates the percentage phosphate bound at 30 minutes, 60 minutes and 120 minutes.

Accordingly, no new matter is introduced by the clarifying claim language, nor is the meaning or scope of the invention changed requiring a new search or consideration.

Therefore, since no undue effort is required and since the amendments to the claims conform to the specification, entry of the Amendments following allowance is earnestly solicited.

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